GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:357
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2001
CNG FUEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `CNG not a clean fuel not acceptable`appearing in the `Times of India` dated July 20, 2001;

(b) if so, whether Bhure Lal Committee has recommended electricity the only clear fuel;

(c) if so, whether Supreme Court has given any guidelines to the Union Government to use a clean fuel to restrict pollution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 357 FO ANSWER ON 16.08.2001 REGARDING CNG FUEL

(a) Yes, Sir. However the caption of the news item is `CNG not a clean fuel, only acceptable`

(b) Non-hydrocarbon fuels such as electricity, solar energy and fuel cells have been regarded as the only clean fuels by the Bhure Lal Committee

(c) & (d) The Hon`ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 28.07.1998 inter-alia directed the following:

- Elimination of leaded petrol from NCT of Delhi w.e.f. 01.09.1998.
- Replacement of all pre-1990 autos and taxis with new vehicles on clean fuels by 31.03.2000
- No eight year old buses to ply except on CNG or any other clean fuel w.e.f. 01.04.2000.
- Entire city bus fleet (DTC & Private) to be steadily converted to single clean fuel mode on CNG by 31.03.2001

Further the order of the Hon`ble Supreme Court dated 26.03.2001 is as follows:

`No other commercial vehicle shall ply in Delhi unless converted to single fuel mode of CNG with effect from 01.04.2001.